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SUBJECT: LAETRILE (AMYGDALIN)

1. THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION PROHIBITS THE INTER-
STATE SALE AND USE OF LAETRILE AS A CANCER 'CURE.' THE
ARTICLE IS GENERICALLY KNOWN AS AMYGDALIN, AND IS ERRON-
EOUSLY ALSO CALLED A VITAMIN, I.E., VITAMIN B17. THE
COMPOUND IS DERIVED PRIMARILY FROM APRICOT KERNELS.

2. BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT INTEREST IN AND ACTIVITIES
RELATING TO LAETRILE IN THIS COUNTRY, FDA REQUESTS THAT
MISSION OBTAIN FOR FDA INFORMATION CONCERNING THE
PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, ON-GOING RESEARCH, AND USE OF
LAETRILE IN COUNTRIES WHICH ARE MEMBER NATIONS OF WHO AND
IARC AND WHICH MAY HAVE REPORTED TO WHO AND IARC.

3. IT IS OF INTEREST TO FDA TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER
LAETRILE IS OFFERED FOR USE IN THE PREVENTION OR TREATMENT
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OF ANY OTHER DISEASE STATE AND WHETHER REPORTING COUNTRY
HAS ANY REGULATIONS WHICH REQUIRE PRIOR APPROVAL (SAFETY
AND/OR EFFICACY EVALUATIONS) BEFORE DRUG MAY BE LEGALLY
DISPENSED. IN ADDITION, FDA WISHES TO KNOW IF DRUG IS
LIMITED FOR USE TO LICENSED MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS OR MAY
IT BE USED BY PATIENTS OR PSUEDO HEALTH PRACTITIONERS.
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